

Remarks

Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 22 and 23 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10 and 12-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tegethoff (US 5,539,652). Claims 22 and 23 were allowed and the remaining claims have been amended to depend on claim 22. Consequently, the application now contains only allowed or allowable claims. Withdrawal of the asserted rejection is therefore respectfully requested.


Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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